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In re application of James F. KRAMER

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For: FORCE FEEDBACK AND TEXTURE SIMULATING INTERFACE DEVICE

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Office Action dated January 20, 2004:

two months to June 20, 2004; the extension fee is:

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☐ The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated .

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outputting an applied force signal based on force feedback previously output. As discussed above, the Harvill patent is utterly silent as to outputting a force signal based on force feedback previously output.

Independent Claim 78

Independent claim 78 recites "detecting a magnitude of the force feedback output at the force feedback interface." As discussed above, the Harvill patent fails to disclose or suggest "detecting a magnitude of the force feedback output" as recited in claim 78. While the Harvill patent does disclose outputting force feedback, there is no disclosure or suggestion of a magnitude of the force feedback being detected once the force feedback is output.

For at least these reasons, claims 60, 73, 77 and 78 are allowable over the Harvill patent and the Jones patent, either alone or in combination.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicant reiterates the request for an interview and respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned before issuing an action in response to this reply.


Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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